

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. A spice grinder comprising:

a first static component which includes means by which said first static component can be attached to a neck of a container;

a second rotatable component which fits on said first static component;

said first static component having a tapering bore with teeth projecting inwardly from a surface of said tapering bore;

said second rotatable component having a toothed portion thereof in said tapering bore wherein grinding takes place in a gap between said teeth of said first static component and said toothed portion of said second component upon said second rotatable component being rotated with respect to said first static component;

said first static component and said second rotatable component both configured with interlocking circumferentially extending ribs and grooves which permit said second rotatable component to be moved axially with respect to said first static component and located in an adjusted position to vary a spacing between said toothed portion of said second rotatable component and said teeth of the first static component.

2. The spice grinder as claimed in claim 1, wherein said second rotatable component includes a spider comprising spokes with openings therebetween and a cone which constitutes a center of said spider, said spokes extending outwardly from said cone, and said toothed portion of said second rotatable component being on an outer surface of said cone.

3. The spice grinder as claimed in claim 2, wherein said cone comprises four equally spaced teeth on said outer surface of said cone.

4. The spice grinder as claimed in claim 1 wherein said teeth of said first static component are on an inner surface of a tapering sleeve.

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5. The spice grinder as claimed in claim 4, wherein said teeth of said first static component comprise raised ribs extending along said inner surface wherein each rib is bounded by two intersecting surfaces of unequal width wherein, in axial view, said inner surface is serrated.